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SUBJ: DISCUSSION WITH AFGANISTAN AMBASSADOR

1. AFGHANISTAN AMBASSADOR AND MRS. MALIKYAR RETURNED TO TEHRAN YESTERDAY FROM THE UNITED STATES WHERE HE WAS UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT AT THE TIME OF THE KABUL CORP. THE AMBASSADOR CAME TO SEE ME MORNING MAY 5 FOR LONG, EMOTIONAL DISCUSSION OF HIS CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. HE HAS RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW REGIME INFORMING HIM THAT HE HAS BEEN RELIEVED OF HIS FUNCTIONS. THE REGIME HAS DESIGNATED HIS FIRST SECRETARY TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE EMBASSY, BY PASSING THE MINISTER-COUNSELOR WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN CHARGE'. MALIKYAR SAYS THAT THE AFGHAN AMBASSADORS IN BELGRADE, CAIRO, ISLAMABAD, LONDON AND NEW DELHI HAVE SIMILARLY BEEN RELIEVED. THERE MAY ALSO BE OTHERS OF WHICH HE IS NOT AWARE.

3. MALIKYAR'S FIRST PRIORITY IS
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TO TRY TO GET HIS TWO DAUGHTERS OUT OF KABUL. HE IS, OF COURSE, ANXIOUS FOR WORD OF THE ONE WHO WAS REPORTED SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. I TOLD HIM I WAS SURE OUR EMBASSY IN KABUL WOULD BE HELPFUL IN ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HIM AND HIS DAUGHTERS.

4. MALIKYAR FEELS HIS BEST LEVERAGE IN SECURING RELEASE OF HIS

DAUGHTERS LIES IN FACT THAT HE HAS CONTROL OF THE CHECKBOOK WITH ACCESS TO THE EMBASSY'S BANK ACCOUNT HERE IN TEHRAN. THIS ACCOUNT CONTAINS ABOUT TWO AND ONE HALF MILLION DOLLARS REALIZED FROM THE SALE OF FORMER EMBASSY PROPERTY HERE. HE WILL TRY TO BARGAIN THE RETURN OF THIS CHECKBOOK AGAINST THE RELEASE OF HIS DAUGHTERS. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO USE IT FOR LEVERAGE IN ASSURING THE INTEGRITY OF HIS PROPERTY IN AFGHANISTAN, BUT HE IS LESS SANGUINE ABOUT HIS SUCCESS IN THAT PROSPECT.

5. ONCE HE GETS HIS DAUGHTERS OUT, MALIKYAR WILL TRY TO ASSEMBLE HIS FAMILY AND REARRANGE HIS LIFE. ALTHOUGH HE WILL STAY TEMPORARILY IN TEHRAN, HE FEELS IT WILL PROVE TOO EXPENSIVE AND HIS PREFERENCE IS TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES. HE HAS ONE SON AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW IN LOS ANGELES. THERE ARE ALSO TWO DAUGHTERS AND A SON, TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE, HERE IN TEHRAN, PLUS ONE SON IN VIENNA.

6. MALIKYAR INTENDS TO DISCUSS ALL THIS WITH IRANIAN OFFICIALS AND SEEK THEIR SYMPATHETIC TREATMENT OF HIS FAMILY. I TOLD HIM I WOULD ALSO PUT IN A GOOD WORD, BUT THAT I WAS SURE THE IRANIANS WOULD TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM WHILE HE IS HERE.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: I AVOIDED GIVING MALIKYAR ANY VIEWS ON HIS PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. HE DID NOT GIVE ME DETAILS OF HIS FINANCIAL CONDITION EXCEPT TO SAY THAT HIS PROPERTY IN KABUL WOULD ENABLE HIM TO LIVE COMFORTABLY IF
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HE COULD USE OR CONVERT IT. HIS CHILDREN ARE ALL AMERICAN EDUCATED AND AT LEAST TWO OF THEM ARE EMPLOYED BY THE UNITED NATIONS.
PLEASE PROVIDE APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE FOR ME TO USE WITH
MALIKYAR IS DISCUSSING HIS DESIRE TO SETTLE IN THE UNITED
STATES.
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